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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attn: Intelligence Division

Mr. Harry W. Shlaudeman
Assistant Secretary of State
for Inter-American Affairs

Director
United States Secret Service

FROM: **POLITICAL MATTERS** [redacted]
William W. [redacted]
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Irritation of the [redacted] Military
with United States Congressman

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1. [redacted]

[redacted] Subsequent to the assassination of former Ambassador Orlando Letelier, the file review turned up a piece of highly speculative and fragmentary information which had not been disseminated outside CIA at the time of its receipt because of its vagueness and the manner in which it was obtained. The death of Letelier and the recent publicity given to Congressman Edward Koch and his sponsorship of an amendment to the Foreign Military Assistance Bill, have led us to re-evaluate the information. Although the information remains highly speculative, it is the opinion of the Agency that, because of the foregoing developments, this information may have relevance to other information available to the addressees or tie-in with some facet of a current investigation, and should be made available to the addressees. This information is given in paragraph two below.

2. During a social encounter in late July 1976, an official of an [redacted] security service told [redacted] about [redacted] the extreme irritation of [redacted]

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the [] military with U.S. Congressman Koch, author of ^{b1 per CIA} amendment to restrict U.S. military assistance to []. During the conversation, and after drinking a couple of cocktails, the security official remarked that "maybe [] would have to send someone to the U.S. to get Congressman Koch." [] the remarks by the security official represented nothing more than bravado, which had been induced by the alcohol he had consumed.

3. No information has been obtained since July to alter the earlier assessment. Nonetheless, the Uruguayan service is a participant, along with the security services of Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil, in "Operation Condor," a cooperative agreement formulated to counter terrorism and subversion in Latin America. One facet of this agreement purportedly includes plans to send assassination teams to Europe to liquidate high-level terrorist leaders and, possibly, some opposition political personalities. Thus far, there has been no information indicating that "Operation Condor" is aimed at any U.S. citizen or that any action is contemplated within the jurisdiction of the United States. However, the circumstances surrounding the 21 September death of Orlando Letelier, former Chilean Ambassador to the U.S., in Washington, D.C., bring forth the possibility that some of the "Condor" services may now have decided to undertake offensive actions in the U.S. ^{b1 per CIA}

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4. Background information on the formation and aims of "Operation Condor" is contained in [] ^{b3 per CIA} [] which have been distributed to the Department of State and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Copies of these reports are attached for the information of the Secret Service.

5. In view of the speculative nature of this information, no further dissemination of this memorandum is being made.

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Attachments